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We studied several aspects of the nesting of the Pyrrhura calliptera (Flame-winged Parakeet), an endangered species in Colombia due to the destruction of Andean forests. The nest is use of tree cavities the Crotton sp, similar in form to those reported for other members of the genus; the clutch is two white eggs, for which we present the first recorded weights.

We also describe a juvenile, with a photograph. The survey of population numbers and basic breeding parameters, together with the knowledge of behaviour and the determination of the foraging areas of the (Flame-winged Parakeet), constitute a primary tool to develop management and conservation plans for their populations.

